

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 25, 2021, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, PRESIDENT. DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT, AND BONNIE J. BATCHLER ATTENDED THE MEETING VIRTUALLY. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER SHORTLY AFTER 10:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

COMMISSIONER CORCORAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT COMMISSIONER PAINTER AND COMMISSIONER BATCHLER ARE JOINING US FROM A REMOTE LOCATION WHICH IS NOT 101 EAST MAIN STREET, BATAVIA, OHIO.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE JANUARY 25, 2021 REGULAR SESSION WAS VIDEO RECORDED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME. IN ADDITION, THE REGULAR SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE AT <https://www.youtube.com/user/clermontcounty/playlists>

IN RE: MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler,

To approve the minutes of Regular Session of **01/20/2020**.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER CORCORAN STATED THAT A CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND REQUESTED WHETHER ANY BOARD MEMBER WANTED ANY ITEMS REMOVED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION:

LET THE RECORD SHOW: THOMAS J. EIGEL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, ASKED FOR ITEM #9 PERSONNEL ACTIONS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION AT A LATER DATE.

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations with the removal of Item #9 Personnel Actions:

1. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...TRANSFER OHIO WORKS INCENTIVE PROGRAM (OWIP) GOVERNMENTAL FUNDING FROM WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND FOR SAME...20-1223-001...APPROVED

Recommendation of Timothy Dick, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize the transfer of Ohio Works Incentive Program (OWIP) funding, in the maximum amount of \$265,000.00, from the Workforce Development Fund to the Public Assistance Fund, as a correction of errors, pursuant to the County Monitoring Advisory Bulletin 2009-001, relative to interfund cash transactions therefore.

2. IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER...IVY POINTE BOULEVARD
DEDICATION/UNION TOWNSHIP...RESOLUTION NUMBER 015-
21/RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVERSION OF A
COMBINED PERFORMANCE-MAINTENANCE BOND FOR SAME... 20-
0213-003...ADOPTED

Recommendation of Jeremy P. Evans, County Engineer, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to adopt **Resolution Number 015-21** to convert the Combined Performance-Maintenance Bond in the amounts listed below, for the construction of streets in the stated lengths within the following subdivision located in Union Township, from the performance bond phase to the maintenance bond phase effective as of the date of conversion thereof:

Subdivision/Location	Performance-Maintenance	Street/Length (miles)
Ivy Pointe Boulevard Dedication Union Township Resolution Number 015-21	\$10,000.00/\$10,000.00	Ivy Pointe Boulevard (0.009)

3. IN RE: REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO JOIN
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR
REIMBURSEMENT OF ROUTINE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATIVE
THERETO...APPROVED

Requests from various departments to join professional organizations and to authorize payment of the annual dues in the amounts outlined below for membership therein, pursuant to Section 325.21 of the Ohio Revised Code and to authorize reimbursement of **routine travel expenses** associated therewith (*excluding expenses for overnight accommodations, meals for more than one day, registration fees, tuition, and/or transportation by common carrier*) pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Calendar Year 2021 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Elected Official or Department/Employee	Organization	Annual Dues	Term
Clermont County Water Resources Department Lyle G. Bloom DC# 21-0114-004	County Sanitary Engineers Association of Ohio	\$125.00	01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021
	Water Environment Federation	\$95.00	03/01/2021 through 02/28/2022
Clermont County Water Resources Department Hannah Lubbers DC# 21-0114-004	Green Umbrella	\$100.00	01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021
Clermont County Water Resources Department Tim Neyer DC# 21-0114-004	American Water Works Association	\$210.00	03/01/2021 through 02/28/2022
Clermont County Water Resources Department Ainsley Knapke DC# 21-0114-004	American Society of Civil Engineers	\$270.00	01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021
Clermont County Water Resources Department Stephen Knipp DC# 21-0114-004	Ohio Rural Water Association	\$30.00	01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021
Clermont County Water Resources Department Chris Rowland DC# 21-0114-004	American Water Works Association	\$210.00	03/01/2021 through 02/28/2022

	Water Environment Federation	\$95.00	03/01/2021 through 02/28/2022
Clermont County Water Resources Department Gregory Costello Randy Davis Dale Goebel Laura Lair Karii MacCune Chad Oberle Dave Pigg Shannon Risner T. Kevin Saunders DC# 21-0114-004	Water Environment Federation	\$855.00	03/01/2021 though 02/28/2022
Department of Job and Family Services Tim Dick and/or Staff DC#21-0114-001	Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association	\$9,560.36	01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021
	Public Children Services Association of Ohio	\$7,150.35	
	Ohio Child Support Enforcement Directors' Association	\$7,032.00	
	Southwest Public Children Services Association of Ohio (Voting Member)	\$150.00	
	Southwest Public Children Services Association of Ohio (SWORTC Non-Voting Member)	\$150.00	
	Family and Children First – Tristate Trauma Network Membership	\$342.00	
Department of Job and Family Services: Theresa Bechtel Ellison, Esq. Richele Maria Stroop, Esq. Timothy Edwad Rogus, Esq DC#21-0114-001	Ohio State Bar Association – Dues for three Child Support Lawyers (\$125.00 each)	\$375.00	01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021
	Ohio Family & Children First Coordinators Association	\$125.00	
Clermont County Common Pleas Clerk of Courts Barbara A. Wiedenbein DC#21-0114-003	Ohio Clerk of Courts Association	\$2,701.00	01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021
Clermont County Common Pleas Clerk of Courts Penny Fryman DC#21-0114-002	Ohio Association for Court Administration	\$100.00	01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021

4. IN RE: BLANKET TRAVEL REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ELIGIBLE ROUTINE TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS, ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR PROGRAMS DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2021...APPROVED

Recommendation of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to approve the following blanket travel request(s) for reimbursement of eligible expenses for participation by the following Elected Official(s) or Department(s) and/or Staff, in and as it relates to reimbursement of routine travel expenses associated therewith (excluding expenses for overnight accommodations, meals for more than one day, registration fees, tuition, and/or transportation by common carrier) relative to all meetings, organizations and/or programs during Calendar Year 2021, pursuant to the current

policy for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses (Section 4.08) adopted by the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Calendar Year 2021 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto as outlined below:

Clermont County Water Resources Department Lyle G. Bloom and/or Staff DC# 21-0114-005	Adams Brown Recycling Adams Clermont Solid Waste District Board Meetings Adams Clermont Solid Waste District Policy Committee Adams County Chamber of Commerce Adams County Commissioners Meetings Adams County Township Association American Water Works Association Appalachian Regional Commission Association of Ohio Recyclers Brown County Rural Water Association City of Dayton Water Clermont County Township Association East Fork Watershed Collaborative Greater Cincinnati Water Works Hamilton County Air Quality Advisory Committee Hamilton County Solid Waste District Little Miami River Partners Little Miami Scenic River Plan Core Team Little Miami Scenic River Stakeholders Metropolitan Sewer District Northern Kentucky Sewer District #1 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) Ohio Solid Waste Districts Organization Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission Ohio Water Environmental Association Regional Stormwater Collaborative Rumpke Waste and Recycling US EPA Research Laboratory-Cincinnati Warren County Sewer District
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5. IN RE: INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT...RESOLUTION DETERMINING PERSONAL PROPERTY IS UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT AND NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR COUNTY USE AND TO APPROVE THE POSTING AND SALE OF SAME BY INTERNET AUCTION WITH GOVDEALS, INC...21-0112-005...APPROVED

Recommendation of Greg Bickford, Assistant County Administrator, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, resolving to determine that certain personal property is unneeded, obsolete or unfit and no longer necessary for county use as described in Exhibit “A” and to authorize Thomas J. Eigel to approve the posting and sale of the afore stated property by internet auction with GovDeals, Inc., 100 Capitol Commerce Blvd, Suite 110, Montgomery, Alabama 36117, in concert with the Agreement ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on 04/08/2009 relative thereto, and pursuant to and in compliance with Section 307.12(E) of the Ohio Revised Code.

6. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS... TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FROM CLERMONT COUNTY EMPLOYEE...21-0113-002...RATIFIED

Recommendation of Yvonne Smith, Benefits Coordinator, with the concurrence of Sandra Tahat, Human Resources Administrator to authorize Claire B. Corcoran, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute Tuition Assistance Applications submitted by the following employee for participation in the Clermont County Tuition Assistance Program, pursuant to Section 4.12 of the Clermont County Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual:

Department / Employee	Class Name(s)
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Information Systems Department (ISD) Casey Scott	Intro to Cryptography Business of IT – Project Management Managing Cloud Security Cloud Deployment and Operations
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7. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS... TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS FROM CLERMONT COUNTY EMPLOYEES...21-0112-003...RATIFIED

Recommendation of Yvonne Smith, Benefits Coordinator, with the concurrence of Sandra Tahat, Human Resources Administrator to authorize Claire B. Corcoran, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute Tuition Assistance Applications submitted by the following employees for participation in the Clermont County Tuition Assistance Program, pursuant to Section 4.12 of the Clermont County Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual:

Department / Employee	Class Name(s)
County Sheriff Mackenzie Clark	Crime Scene Investigation 2 Physical Geology Families in America Interrogation, Interviewing & Testifying

8. IN RE: TRAINING AND TRAVEL REQUESTS...REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES RELATIVE TO SAME...APPROVED

Recommendation of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to approve the following requests for reimbursement of expenses for training and travel pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Calendar Year 2021 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

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Gary Caudill – (1) day – Batavia, Ohio – Ohio Department of Agriculture – 2021 Commercial Recertification Live Online Webinar: Landscape, Turf and Ornamental– total expenses for registration (\$75.00), not to exceed \$75.00.

COUNTY SHERIFF

Jillian Kuhn – (3) days – Milford, Ohio – Miami Township Police Department –Basic Criminal Investigations for Street Patrol and New Criminal Investigators– total expenses for registration (\$350.00), not to exceed \$350.00.

Howard Glancy – (3) days – Milford, Ohio – Miami Township Police Department –Basic Criminal Investigations for Street Patrol and New Criminal Investigators– total expenses for registration (\$350.00), not to exceed \$350.00.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

9. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

9. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...AWARD OF BID FOR PROJECT NUMBER LS-20-20 RELATIVE TO THE 2020 LANDSLIDES, PHASE 2 PROJECT LOCATED IN VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT RELATIVE THERETO...20-1026-002...RATIFIED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Jeremy P. Evans, County Engineer, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to award the bid for **Project Number LS-20-20 relative to the 2020 Landslides, Phase 2 Project**, located within various townships, pursuant to the plans and specifications therefore, to **JTM Smith Construction, Inc.** P.O. Box 223, Fayetteville, Ohio, 45118, for their lowest and best bid received therefore on 12/17/2020, **in the amount of \$399,670.20** and to execute the Contract relative thereto, pursuant to and in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth therein and the afore stated award of bid **and contingent upon the receipt of the Purchase Order required therefore in concert with Requisition Number 00000177-00 dated 01/14/2021 relative thereto.**

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

10. IN RE: COUNTY SHERIFF...CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MOSCOW FOR SAME...21-0105-003...EXECUTED

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Robert S. Leahy, County Sheriff, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, the County Administrator, to execute a **Contract for Law Enforcement Services** by and between the Clermont County Board of Commissioners, the Clermont County Sheriff, and the **Council of the Village of Moscow**, 30 Wells Street, Post Office Box 93, Moscow, Ohio 45153 **for the provision of one (1) contract deputy for the Village of Moscow** at the annual amount of \$53,599.44, one (1) vehicle for an annual amount of \$2,650.00, plus fifty percent (50%) of the fuel costs relative thereto, 50% of the annual fee for uniform/equipment replacement and dry cleaning for an annual amount of \$201.42, 50% of the annual fee for the bullet resistant vest in the amount of \$90.36, and fifty percent (50%) of the costs associated with one MDC Lap Top Air Card for an annual amount of \$271.02, **effective for a period of one (1) year commencing 01/01/2021**, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein and in compliance with Section 311.29 of the Ohio Revised Code.

DISCUSSION: COMMISSIONER PAINTER POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS FOR THE VILLAGE OF MOSCOW, NOT BETHEL AS STATED ON THE RECORD.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

11. IN RE: COUNTY SHERIFF...CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH THE WEST CLERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE WEST CLERMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER...21-0115-004...EXECUTED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Robert S. Leahy, County Sheriff, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to execute a **Contract for Law Enforcement Services** by and between the Clermont County Board of Commissioners, the Clermont County Sheriff, and the **West Clermont School District for the provision of one (1) contract deputy for the West Clermont Middle School** located at 1341 Clough Pike, Batavia, Ohio 45103, in the amounts of \$79,151.50, \$81,514.89 and \$83,964.24 for the ten (10) month periods during Calendar Years 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively; one (1) vehicle in the amount of \$4,000.00 for each of the 10 month periods during Calendar Years 2021, 2022 and 2023, plus all fuel costs associated therewith; uniform/equipment

replacement and dry cleaning in the amounts of \$402.80; \$414.89; \$427.34 for each of the 10 month periods during Calendar Years 2021, 2022 and 2023, and an annual ten (10) month fee for a Bullet Resistant Vest (amortized over five (5) years) in the amount of \$150.60, effective for a period of 01/01/2021 through 12/31/2023, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein and in compliance with Section 311.29 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

12. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...JOINT APPLICATIONS WITH THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR MATTERS RELATIVE TO (1) ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS AS NEEDED; (2) PREPARATION OF ALL DOCUMENTATION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNDERWRITING OF BONDS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF CLERMONT COUNTY; AND (3) CLOSURE OF THE COAL ASH STORAGE UNITS USED AT DUKE ENERGY’S RETIRED BECKJORD POWER STATION...RATIFIED

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize Claire B. Corcoran, President of the Board, to execute Joint Applications with the Prosecuting Attorney to the Clermont County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Legal Counsel with the following law firms as Special Counsel to represent the Board of County Commissioners in its official capacity and to advise it on legal matters as outlined therein pursuant to and in compliance with Section 305.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, with compensation therefore not to exceed the total amounts as outlined below for Calendar Year 2021:

Law Firm	Legal Matters	Total Amount Not to Exceed
Frost, Brown, Todd, LLC Attorneys 10 West Broad Street, One Columbus Center, Suite 2300 Columbus, Ohio 43215 DC# 21-0115-001	Legal counsel for matters relative to environmental matters as the Board of County Commissioners may from time to time designate.	\$30,000.00
Locke Lord, LLP 7850 Five Mile Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45230-2356 DC# 21-0115-002	Preparation of all documentation in support of the underwriting on bonds and financial obligations of the County of Clermont, Ohio.	\$25,000.00
Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter Co., LPA 65 East State Street, Suite 1800 Columbus, Ohio 43215 DC# 21-0115-003	Legal counsel for matters relative to the closure of the coal ash storage units used at Duke Energy’s retired Beckjord Power Station.	Hourly rate range of \$200.00 to \$485.00 per hour based upon the level of legal services provided.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER CORCORAN STATED THAT THE BOARD HAD REACHED THE COUNTY STAFF/ELECTED OFFICIAL DISCUSSION SECTION OF THE AGENDA. SHE INQUIRED IF THERE WAS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER PAINTER ASKED THOMAS J. EIGEL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, TO COMMENT ON THE REMOVAL OF THE PERSONNEL ACTIONS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. MR. EIGEL STATED THAT HE IS WAITING ON SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ONE OF THE CANDIDATES AND HOPES TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION IN TIME TO PUT ON WEDNESDAY'S AGENDA.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER CORCORAN OPENED THE MEETING FOR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER BATCHLER WISHED EVERYONE WELL AND STATED THAT EVERYONE IS TAKING THE PRECAUTIONS THEY SHOULD BE TAKING.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER PAINTER THANKED EVERYONE FOR THE CALLS WHILE HE HAS BEEN OUT AND SEQUESTERED AT HOME. HE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND HOW PEOPLE REACT TO THEM DIFFERENTLY THAN IF THEY HAD A TYPICAL COLD. HE HAD A SORE THROAT THAT WENT AWAY IN A DAY AND THEN CAME BACK, WHICH NEVER USUALLY HAPPENS TO HIM. HE ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO CHECK THEIR SYMPTOMS AND TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS IF THEIR SYMPTOMS SEEM DIFFERENT THAN USUAL. HE ASKED PEOPLE TO WASH THEIR HANDS AND CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK, PARTICULARLY AN N-95 MASK IF POSSIBLE. HE URGED PEOPLE TO TAKE THIS VIRUS SERIOUS AND NOT BRUSH IT OFF BECAUSE YOU CAN BECOME SERIOUSLY ILL FROM IT.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Batchler seconded by Commissioner Painter,

That the Board of County Commissioners, noting no further business to come before the commission for legislative action, adjourned this Regular Session at 10:19 A.M. until the next regularly scheduled session to be held at a later date.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, PRESIDENT

DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT

BONNIE J. BATCHLER, MEMBER

HOLLY CRUEY, CLERK OF THE BOARD

01/27/2021
DATE APPROVED